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## EASLEY REAPPOINTS ISRAEL TO PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

**Raleigh** - Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed Walter Carson Israel of Belmont to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority.

Israel has been a board member since 2002. He is an independent representative for Architectural and Design Lines. He served as president of the Friends of Crowders Mountain State Park from 2000 to 2001 and received the Guardian of the Environment Award from The Charlotte Observer in 2000. Israel received his bachelor's degree in political science from Georgia College.

The Parks and Recreation Authority receives private and public donations, appropriations, grants and revenues for deposit into the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. It allocates funds for land acquisitions, repairs and improvement. There are 11 members on the board, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints three members.